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Docket No. 45824-01012

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Dennis B. Brown, et al.)
Application No.: 09/871,358) Art Unit
Filing Date: May 31, 2001) 3727
For: MULTISPOUT FLASK WITH PUMP)
Examiner: Jes F. Pascua)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant is requesting continued examination of the above application.

A FINAL OFFICE ACTION mailed 22 August 2003 was responded to with a NOTICE OF APPEAL dated February 20, 2004 along with an AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION dated February 20, 2004. And Advisory Action mailed March 4, 2004 reported that the AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION was not entered.

Inasmuch as the FINAL OFFICE ACTION reported a number of allowed claims, and further indicated that others were objected to but were otherwise allowable, applicant here presents a preliminary amendment in connection with a request for continued prosecution to in

substance and effect accept the allowed claims. That is, Applicant submits this PRELIMINARY AL AMENDMENT to further amend the claims to place this case in condition for allowance. If this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is held to not place this case in complete condition for allowance, Applicant requests the Examiner telephone Applicant's counsel to work out any remaining issues as detailed more fully hereinafter.